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25X1 1. [REDACTED] a new unit called the Mountain Militia [REDACTED] is a development of the Forest Militia organized in 1949. 25X1 The Forest Militia was under the Ministry of the Interior and its function was more that of policing the area of political outlaws than that of protecting the forest. It was under the third general agency of the above-mentioned Ministry.

2. At the end of 1949, a special division under the Ministry of Interior called the Internal Defenses with three departments was organized as follows:

1st Department: State Defense (political police)

2nd Department: Port Militia

3rd Department: Forest Militia

The above-mentioned organization was headed by Deputy Minister Jianu, formerly a workman. Each department was headed by a colonel. The Forest Militia was divided into Comandamentul Raional (Regional Headquarters). Each regional headquarters was commanded by a major. In the spring of 1951, this Forest Militia became the Mountain Militia. Although it is a completely armed force, it is still under the Ministry of the Interior. It differs from the other departments only in being commanded by a general.

3. Units of the Militia are stationed at: Stalin (formerly Brasov), Targu Ocna, Focsani, Ramnicul-Sarat, Buzau, Sfantul Gheorghe and along the Yugoslav border, north of the Danube.

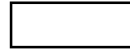
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4. Czechoslovakian Z.B. automatic rifles and Soviet submachine guns are used as weapons. Reportedly this Militia also has machine guns and mortars. -
5. The Mountain Militia wear gray-blue jackets open at the neck for officers and closed for noncommissioned officers and troops, berets for use on duty and Soviet -type caps with visor and a green band for off-duty use.
6.   
 Robust peasants and mountaineers are recruited for service. After 18 months of obligatory military service, the "militiamen" are obliged to stay another six months as "volunteers".

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